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SUBJECT: DR. WILLIAMS' FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE
UNITED STATES

REF: A) POS 1454; B) POS 1467

1. ACCORDING TO PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS' LOCAL
ANNOUNCEMENT JUNE 15 (REF B), HE HAS REQUESTED A
MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER DURING HIS INFORMAL
VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES JUNE 22-27 (REF A). EMBASSY
WOULD APPRECIATE SOME CONFIRMATION OF WHETHER SUCH
REQUEST HAS INDEED BEEN MADE AND DEPARTMENT'S CURRENT
THINKING.

2. AS PROVEN BY WILLIAMS' BRIEF MEETING WITH THE
PRESIDENT IN WASHINGTON IN FEBRUARY, HIGH-LEVEL
COURTESIES TO HIM WHILE HE IS IN THE UNITED STATES
CAN BE MOST BENEFICIAL TO OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND
APPARENTLY TO HIS OVERALL MOOD TOWARD THE USG. IT HAS
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BEEN SOME MONTHS SINCE WE HAVE BEEN ON THE TOP OF HIS

LIST OF WHIPPING BOYS, BUT ESSENTIALLY NOTHING HAS CHANGED EXCEPT WILLIAMS' OWN ATTITUDE. FOR THESE REASONS, I WARMLY ENDORSE THE SECRETARY MEETING WITH WILLIAMS IF TIME PERMITS ON THIS TRIP.

3. NEVERTHELESS, WILLIAMS' OWN AGENDA FOR SUCH A MEETING AT THIS TIME IS NOT PARTICULARLY CONSTRUCTIVE AND WE RECOMMEND THAT INSOFAR AS POSSIBLE DISCUSSION SHOULD INFORMALLY BE GUIDED INTO AVENUES OF SECRETARY'S CHOOSING WHICH COULD LEAD TO MORE USEFUL EXCHANGE. SUCH TOPICS MIGHT INCLUDE A CURRENT OVERVIEW OF THE USSR (WILLIAMS WILL BE MAKING OFFICIAL VISIT TO USSR BEFORE RETURNING TO TRINIDAD); THE SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE TO RESUME THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS; THE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS (INCLUDING US VIEWS ON RECENTLY HIGHLY PUBLICIZED CORPORATE BRIBERY ABROAD); AND THE SAN JOSE CONFERENCE TO REVISE THE RIO TREATY.

4. WILLIAMS' OWN ANTICIPATED AGENDA WILL BE MORE PRICKLY. HE DEPARTS ON CURRENT TRAVELS AT THE HIGH POINT OF A SERIES OF MAJOR ATTACKS ON VENEZUELAN ACTIVITIES IN THE CARIBBEAN AND ALSO AT A TIME WHEN HIS RELATIONS WITH THE LEADERS OF THE OTHER CARICOM STATES ARE SHOWING DEFINITE STRAINS OVER THE VENEZUELA ISSUE AND ITS COROLLARIES SUCH AS ALUMINUM SMELTERS, AID AND TRADE. GIVEN THIS SERIES OF SCATHING ATTACKS ON VENEZUELA (SEE ESP POS 1463 AND 1465) WILLIAMS COULD CONTINUE THIS THEME ON CURRENT TRIP.

5. ALLEGED PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY IS TO PROMOTE WILLIAMS' RECENTLY ANNOUNCED PROPOSAL FOR A SPECIAL LAW OF THE SEA REGIME FOR THE CARIBBEAN (REF B). A DISCUSSION TODAY WITH DR. LENNOX BALLAH, TRINIDAD'S ACKNOWLEDGED LAW OF THE SEA EXPERT AND GOTT DELEGATE TO LOS CONFERENCES, CONFIRMS THAT WILLIAMS' NEW PROPOSAL HAS BEEN SPRUNG WITHOUT STAFF WORK ON SURPRISED FOREIGN MINISTRY AND CARICOM COLLEAGUES. A SPECIAL LOS REGIME FOR THE CARIBBEAN GIVING ALL CARIBBEAN STATES EQUAL RIGHTS AND ACCESS TO THE ENTIRE AREA HAS NOT HERETOFORE BEEN A PART OF THE NEGOTIATING POSITION OF THE GOTT IN LOS CON-

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FERENCES AND SEEMS MERELY TO BE THE LATEST SPONTANEOUS EMANATION FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S PERFERVID BRAIN. IN TYPICAL FASHION, WILLIAMS IS ATTEMPTING TO LAUNCH THIS IDEA THROUGH HIGHLY PUBLICIZED PERSONAL DIPLOMACY AND IF IT DOES NOT FLY HE IS JUST AS LIKELY TO WASH HIS HANDS OF IT LATER WITHOUT REAL FOLLOW-UP. AT PRESENT HE WOULD BE DISCUSSING IT WITH THE USG AS A NON-REGIONAL MEMBER OF ECLA, THE ORGANIZATION HE HAS LATCHED ONTO TO PROMOTE THE

IDEA AS THE FIRST CONCRETE EXPRESSION OF THE ECLA CARIBBEAN COMMITTEE WHICH WILLIAMS SPONSORED AT THE MAY ECLA CONFERENCE IN PORT OF SPAIN (POS 1171). IN THE SAME CONTEXT HE WILL BE FLOATING HIS PROPOSAL WITH THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT LATER THIS MONTH (POS 1472). IN ADDITION TO THE ECLA LINK, WILLIAMS HAS SAID HE WILL TALK WITH THE USG BECAUSE OF THE NECESSITY OF INCLUDING PUERTO RICO IN ANY SUCH SCHEME.

6. AT PRESENT IT APPEARS NONE OF WILLIAMS' MORE INFLUENTIAL CABINET MINISTERS WILL BE ACCOMPANYING HIM WHILE HE IS IN THE UNITED STATES (SEE REF A). VICTOR CAMPBELL IS SOMETHING OF A PERSONAL CRONY OF THE PM, BUT NOT KNOWN FOR HIS EFFECTIVENESS AS EITHER AN ADMINISTRATOR OR POLICY ADVISER. GOMES IS A MORE DYNAMIC INDIVIDUAL WHO SPEAKS WELL AND USUALLY MAKES AN EXCELLENT IMPRESSION ON VISITORS. HE IS WIDELY READ, BUT WITHIN GOVERNMENT IS BELIEVED TO STICK PRETTY MUCH TO HIS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY IN EDUCATION AND CULTURE. DEPARTMENT HAS FULLER BIOS AVAILABLE. IN TERMS OF POLICY FOLLOW THROUGH ON ANY MATTERS DISCUSSED BY DR. WILLIAMS ON THIS TRIP, KEY MEMBER OF HIS PARTY IS PERMANENT SECRETARY ISIDORE RAMPERSAD AND WE RECOMMEND RAMPERSAD DEFINITELY BE INCLUDED IN ANY LUNCHEONS OR MEETINGS IF FEASIBLE.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE ADVICE ON WHETHER MEETING WITH SECRETARY IS INDEED CONTEMPLATED SO THAT I MAY BE SO INFORMED WHEN I SEE WILLIAMS OFF AT THE AIRPORT TOMORROW MORNING, JUNE 18.
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